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### **Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Announces Leslie County Waterline Project** *Residents in various locations in the county will soon receive access to potable water supply*

**Frankfort, Ky.** (Jan. 18, 2013) – Access to potable water will soon be available to 80 households in Leslie County.

The Department for Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) announced today the award of contract and the start of construction for a Leslie County Multi-Site AML water supply project in Leslie County.

"Getting a clean, safe and reliable drinking water supply to eligible Kentucky residents has been, and will continue to be a high priority with our department through the AML program," said DNR Commissioner Steve Hohmann.

AML has found that agency-eligible pre-1982 mining has impacted much of the groundwater in Lower Cutshin Road including Meeting House Branch and Maggard Branch; Lower McIntosh Road, Aces Branch Road, and Owls Nest Road; Wildcat Road to the Hal Rogers Parkway, Bellwood Lane Road to its head, portions of Stone Coal Branch, and portions of Persimmon Fork, making these areas eligible for AML waterline assistance.

The entire project will involve the installation of approximately 21.8 miles of water main in various sizes from 6 inches to ¾ inch, three hydropneumatic booster pump stations, valves and the installation of water meters at 80 residences.

The project, with a memorandum of agreement between the Hyden and Leslie County Water District and AML, totals \$1.75 million. The project will be operated by the Hyden and Leslie County Water District. G & W Construction of Morehead, Kentucky

was awarded the contract with a low bid amount of \$1,573,800. Sisler and Maggard Engineering of Lexington, Ky. will provide engineering services. AML is authorized under Kentucky law (KRS.350) to abate hazards to public health, safety and the environment from abandoned mine lands. To date, AML has expended more than \$105 million for waterline improvements and has provided more than 14,426 households with potable water supply in 24 coalfield counties in eastern, southern and western Kentucky.

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